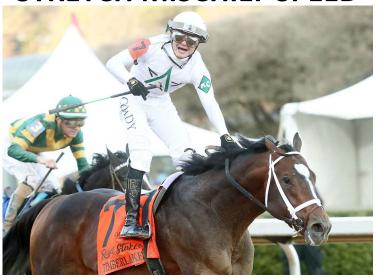




BREEDING DIGEST: TIMBERLAKE BRED TO STRETCH MISCHIEF SPEED



Timberlake | Coady Photography

by Chris McGrath

By now we're long familiar with the key transition that sealed the hegemony of Into Mischief. The moment of "Authentication" came in 2020, with a Horse of the Year from the first book of mares the Spendthrift phenomenon had covered even at \$45,000; while the next crop, conceived at \$75,000, produced a second consecutive GI Kentucky Derby winner in Mandaloun. While the latter was indebted to the disqualification of the winner, the fact remains that he managed to outstay the other 17 starters. In the process, he confirmed that Into Mischief, with the upgrading of his mares, could stretch his trademark speed to meet the demands of Classic racing.

From the same crop, Life Is Good admittedly appeared to approach the limit of his ability to do so through a 10th furlong; while Into Mischief's Classic winner last year, Pretty Mischievous, was subsequently dropped in distance. Into Mischief will clearly always remain primarily a speed brand, but it's evident that the mares he typically entertains nowadays--this is his third season at \$250,000--are eligible to get him stock competent for the most prestigious races around two turns. And it's hard to believe that many of them can give him more assistance, in this regard, than the dam of Timberlake.

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KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 - FEB. 29

by Bill Finley

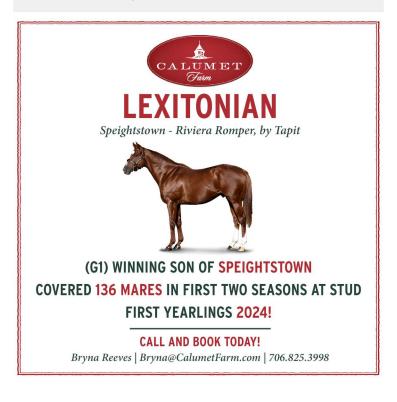
Things are starting to heat up. Saturday's Busher S. at Aqueduct and Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream both have the potential to shake things up. The Davona Dale will feature the return of 2-year-old champion filly **Just FYI** (Justify) and what looks to be an up-and-coming star in **Leslie's Rose** (Into Mischief). The Busher will feature **Jody's Pride** (American Pharoah), who was the runner-up behind Just FYI in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Here's a look at the fourth installment of our Kentucky Oaks Top 10.

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Leap day. In the spirit of this year's Feb. 29 leap day, Frankie Dettori is pictured performing his trademark flying dismount from Breeders' Cup winners Daylami (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), Wilko (Awesome Again), Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). | Horsephotos

HISA NOT POSITIONED TO POLICE SALES

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HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus confirmed that the organization has no plans to oversee the sales.



HISA NOT POSITIONED TO POLICE SALES

by Bill Finley



Lisa Lazarus | Carley Storm

The case of Jeffrey Englehart, who bought a horse at an OBS 2-Year-Old sale in June who had given Clenbuterol sometime before being purchased by Englehart, has renewed questions about the role of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and whether or not it would be in the sport's best interest for it to expand its jurisdiction to cover sales as well as racing. Currently, HISA has no authority over a horse until it has its first recorded public workout, which is when it becomes a "covered" horse. HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus doesn't see that changing any time soon.

"There is a little bit of a misunderstanding about what HISA's authority is in this regard," she said. "We can only do what the statute allows us to do and right now the statute specifically provides that a horse becomes a covered horse upon its first workout. We would have to ask for a legislative change if we wanted to change the scope of that jurisdiction, which would be a heavy lift and not something we'd probably go to Congress and try to do right now."

Lazarus stresses that the sales companies should use every resource available to them to make sure that sellers are not using drugs that might enhance the value of a horse being sold. Lazarus said she has had discussions with the heads of the sport's three largest sales companies--Keeneland, OBS and Fasig-Tipton--and asked that they work together to come up with unified rules that mirror those already in place by HISA for covered horses.

"HISA did convene a meeting with all the sales companies in October," she said. "We all got together in a room and discussed the fact that it made sense to get on the same page. We would hope that there would be was a logical protective flow from weanling to retirement that makes sense.





It doesn't have to be the same program for every stage of a horse's life, but it needs to be sensible and consistent and all fit together. There was wide agreement with all the sales companies that this was an important initiative and they said they would work towards it. They've been working really hard on coming up with an aligned agreement."

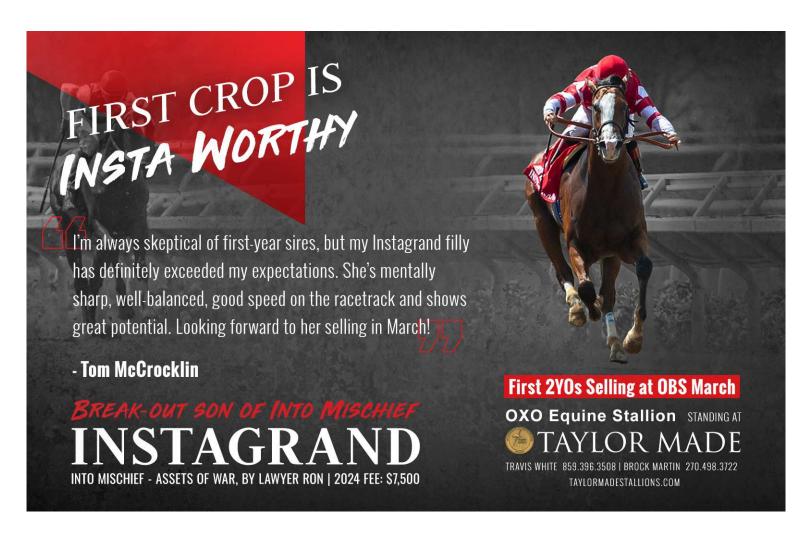
Lazarus said that if there is still a reason to suspect that some horses are slipping through the cracks at the sales, HISA might take another look at getting legislation that would allow it to categorize a horse as covered at some time prior to its first official workout.

"I trust that the sales companies are going to be able to do this on their own and that we won't need to take a stricter view," she said. "If for some reason that doesn't happen, we would definitely, over time, look at that and consider our options. Once a horse comes into the HISA program and is our responsibility we do everything we possibly can to protect it. But not having a window into what has happened with the horse before they become a covered horse can be challenging. That's why we are working towards this aligned system where everything is really clear and the sales companies are all doing the same thing. If that is a fit with HISA's program, that would be really beneficial for the industry.

"The way to move the sport forward is to have more consistent and stricter regulations throughout a horse's life. Based on my experience since HISA's inception, that is most effectively done when the stakeholders come to the table and are willing participants. You come up with a much stronger program when you have everyone buy in. I am working every day to earn the trust of horsemen and earn the trust of the racetracks. If I could get sales companies on board and make changes that make a lot of sense, that would mean we would have a much better chance of being successful right out of the gate. I really believe that's where we need to end up. But I also believe that given where we are and given the commitments I have received from the sales companies, we'll be able to do that without having to legislate or change HISA's jurisdiction."

Englehart was notified that a horse under his care had been found to have Clenbuterol in its system when it was tested by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) after it broke down in a workout at Finger Lakes in November. The positive was the result of a hair test and the infraction was made public on the HIWU website. Englehart faced a suspension of up to two years.

Englehart insisted he never gave the horse the drug and that it had to be given to the horse before he bought it at Ocala.



The original HIWU test was a standard hair test. Tests known as segmented hair test can pinpoint when a drug was given to a horse and Englehart pushed for the horse to undergo that type of test. HIWU had the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis perform the segmented test and it revealed that the Clenbuterol was in fact administered before Englehart became the trainer. All charges against Englehart were then dropped.

Lazarus admitted that the Englehart matter could have been handled better.

"There was an initial matter that we had to flag because something was found in the horse," she said. "But we should not be holding the trainer responsible if that substance went into the horse before he or she was responsible for it. One thing we are going to change, we are not going to make a positive test from hair public until a B sample comes back.

"The only way we failed Mr. Englehart in this case was the public announcement of his violation. He didn't have any suspension and there were no repercussions from a sanctions standpoint. There was nothing in place until the system concluded, but the public did know about it. It would be different if Clenbuterol were found in the blood or urine. We know how long Clenbuterol can stay in blood and urine. So if there is a Clenbuterol finding in blood or urine there would be no ambiguity unless the trainer got the horse the day before or within a week. With hair testing we can find things going back six months and even a year sometimes."

"What I really hope is that this situation shows the public and the racing industry that HISA is always going to do what's right. We are going to follow the science and we are going to follow the facts. We are giving Mr. Englehart the money back that he spent for the B sample. He is going to be made entirely whole. As I said, the one thing I would do differently is not to have made this public from the outset. This is the first case we've had of this nature and I've always said there will be things that we learn along the way that we didn't foresee and that we have to adjust."

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RAIN MIGHT FORCE SANTA ANITA TO MOVE BIG **CAP CARD TO SUNDAY**

With rain in the Arcadia forecast for Friday night through Saturday, track officials at Santa Anita could move Saturday's card, according to *The Daily Racing Form*. Saturday's slate includes the GI Santa Anita H. and three other graded races, which could shift to Sunday. That day's card would then move to Monday. An announcement is expected Thursday morning.

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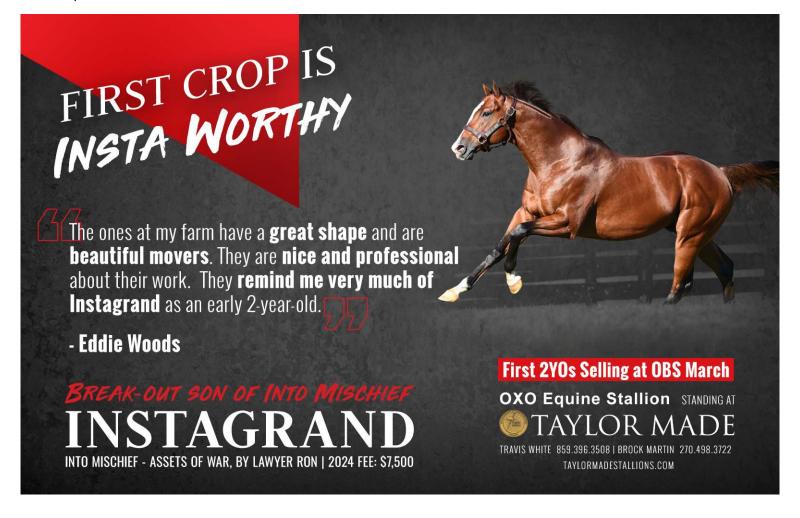
While the GII Rebel S. winner ultimately traces to one of the iconic founts of European speed, with Mumtaz Mahal (GB) herself lurking as 10th dam, this particular branch of her dynasty has lately been curated with a complementary emphasis on the constitution and stamina required for Epsom.

This has largely been the work of Richard and Roisin Henry. Richard is a friend to so many in the business on either side of the water, who clearly deserves no less esteem in his sideline as a breeder than in his day job with Primus Advertising.

It all started with the purchase of Jude (GB), a daughter of the eminent broodmare sire Darshaan (GB), for 92,000gns at Tattersalls in 1997 after showing little in a light track career for Prince Fahd Salman. She had been bred (and sold as a yearling) by Kirsten Rausing and Sonia Rogers from Alruccaba (Ire) (Crystal Palace {Fr}), the Lanwades foundation mare, who had by then already produced a couple of top-class performers and has since united the pedigrees of numerous others, not least the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Alpinista (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Henry's professional association with Coolmore facilitated serial trysts for Jude with the farm's champion sire Sadler's Wells. The first of these resulted in the Group 1-winning juvenile Quarter Moon (Ire), who went on to finish runner-up in three

consecutive Classics; and the next produced Yesterday (Ire), who won the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas and then emulated her sister as runner-up in the G1 Oaks at Epsom. Quarter Moon subsequently achieved corresponding stature as a producer, her Group 1-winning daughter Diamondsandrubies (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) being represented last year by a smart juvenile in Pearls And Rubies (Ire) (No Nay Never), beaten in a photo at Royal Ascot and again runner-up in the G1 Cheveley Park S. Jude's sixth foal by Sadler's Wells, All My Loving, remarkably became the third sister to be placed in the Oaks at Epsom, besides finishing second in the G2 Ribblesdale S., also over a mile and a half, at Royal Ascot. Her son Thomas Chippendale (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) was sold as a yearling before winning at the royal meeting two years running, in the G2 King Edward VII S. ("the Ascot Derby") and G2 Hardwicke S. Both those races were also over 12 furlongs, confirming the abundance of Classic stamina in this family.

In 2011, All My Loving made a visit to Coolmore's Kentucky wing, at Ashford, where she was covered by Lookin At Lucky. Having just started out, that stallion had yet to suffer the deplorable neglect of the commercial market, which he ultimately proved unable to convince despite winners of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Kentucky Derby.



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Anyhow, his daughter out of All My Loving was scratched from Book 1 at Tattersalls as a yearling, and instead surfaced in the silks of trainer Richard Fahey, whose services for the Henrys have lately included a Group 3 success for another of Jude's granddaughters, Midnight Mile (Ire) (No Nay Never).

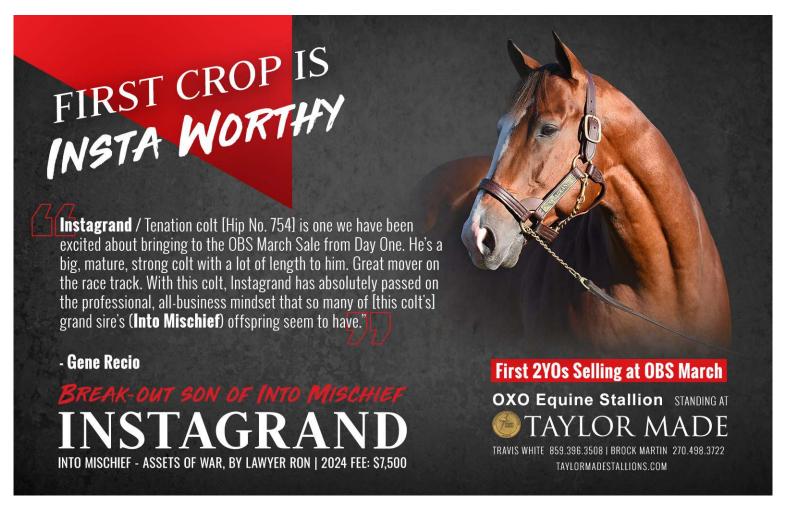
Under the name of Pin Up (Ire), the daughter of All My Loving and Lookin At Lucky confirmed stamina to be her forte by rounding off her career over 14 furlongs, rallying to win a handicap before gaining black-type in a small field at Ascot. Though she did not go through the ring, she evidently satisfied a transatlantic order for a well-bred turf stayer. Her first foal, a War Front colt, was listed as co-bred by St. Elias Stables and Joseph Allen. Whatever deal they had struck, those partners can only have been delighted after their colt brought \$1.2 million from Shadwell at the Keeneland September Sale. (While he did manage to win in Britain, he needed a mile and a half despite the input of War Front, and is these days plying his trade as a gelding in U.A.E. handicaps.)

Pin Up has since been given some curiously diverse covers (in each case St. Elias registered as sole breeder), visiting Noble Mission (GB) and Dialed In with unexciting results before suddenly getting a \$175,000 audience with Into Mischief in 2020.

The resulting colt was bought from the Gainesway consignment as a Keeneland September yearling by Maverick Racing and Siena Farm for \$350,000 and last year proceeded to become one of the leading juveniles on the East Coast.

For this, of course, is Timberlake. And it should be clear by now that Pin Up's staying power, come the first Saturday in May, should amply complement the speed he has inherited from Into Mischief. He still looked a work in progress on Saturday, notably in his response to the whip, which was a little surprising in one whose juvenile campaign (a shattering 428 seconds) can nowadays be described as "long" by his trainer. But he duly outclassed a field of inferiors to resume the curve he was on before being blown away, like everyone else, by Fierceness (City Of Light) at the Breeders' Cup.

With apologies to any exhausted by past pontifications on this theme, what I love about this pedigree is the way it attests to the mutual services available--but long neglected--between the respective gene pools either side of the Atlantic. Sadler's Wells and Darshaan have always been turf brands, of course. But while Lookin At Lucky did little for my conviction that "dirt" sires (not least the one who sired Sadler's Wells) can help European horses carry speed on grass, his input is evidently doing no harm now in reconciling a Classic turf family to the American dash of Into Mischief.





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"The real story of why I bought Bird Map was because it was an active Whitney family, (her foal at foot was really what got me), and I had cashed a big ticket on **ALOHA WEST** in the Breeders' Cup that year. I figured it would be lucky to go back to the well again, and you never know where the good stallions will come from.

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Roses Bloom in the Desert

In the very same year that Richard Henry purchased Jude, Texas oilman Joe Peacock, Sr. bought a handful of mares from

the estate of Joe Straus, Jr., who had been a driving force of the sport in San Antonio. Having started out with Quarter Horses in New Mexico, Peacock had decided to try his luck with Thoroughbreds and sent one of his acquisitions--Snippet (Alysheba), who had only cost \$9,500, though out of a graded stakes winner by Damascus and herself a four-time winner--to Kentucky to be covered by Peaks and Valleys.

The resulting filly achieved little on the track, and was

unfortunately confined to just two named foals in his second career--but one of those was Rose's Desert (Desert God), who won 10 of her 15 starts (seven in state-bred stakes) and was second in the other five, all spread between Sunland and Zia Park.

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Her sire owed his stud career (five times champion in New Mexico) entirely to his aristocratic blood, as an unraced Fappiano half-brother to elite runner/producer Better Than

Honour (Deputy Minister). Peacock decided that Rose's Desert was such a good breeding prospect that he consolidated his entire breeding program, which had at one point extended to 20 head, to prioritize the quality of her covers. Her first foal, by Ghostzapper, promptly put Peacock and his family on the road to Churchill by winning the GIII Sunland Derby, only to be sidelined by a shin injury. He returned to win several more stakes, ending up with earnings approaching \$800,000. Yet it has now turned out that he was only

an overture.

Because a few weeks after his family grieved the loss of Peacock, aged 88 in 2020, a colt by Mineshaft out of Rose's Desert made a winning debut at Remington Park.



His trainer Todd Fincher then urged Peacock's heirs to fast-track him to the Springboard Mile on the same track, where his dazzling surge from off the pace once again seemed to bring the Twin Spires into focus. But there was again a derailment, for over a year after running fifth in what proved to be a very hot GII Risen Star S. (behind Mandaloun, Proxy, Midnight Bourbon and O Besos). Instead it has only been with maturity, over the past 18 months, that Senor Buscador has fulfilled his early potential--reaching an incredible climax last weekend in the world's richest horse race.

Among the Peacock family's victory toasts will have been the team at Shawhan Place, the Kentucky nursery that has served their program for many years, including in foaling and raising Senor Buscador. In a remarkable double on the day for Shawhan, by the way, shock GIII Honeybee S. winner Lemon Muffin (Collected) is another farm graduate.

Senor Buscador was named as a Spanish approximation of Mr. Prospector, who recurs, respectively, as damsire of Mineshaft and grandsire of Desert God. That's hardly an uncommon blend, of course, and those scratching their heads over the New Mexico antecedents of this horse need only review the three other mares who join Snippet in his third generation: from the

top, these are Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), Up The Flagpole (Hoist The Flag) and Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}).

As I'm always saying, feel free to carry on matching your sire-lines, but I feel happier with sheer depth of quality, knowing that it really doesn't matter then which thread of a pedigree comes through. That's part of the logic of using stallions as well-bred as Mineshaft, now embarked on his 20th year at stud and great value to prove a mare, at

\$10,000, for those sensible enough to resist the (largely self-fulfilling) prejudice against older sires. Senor Buscador is his eighth elite winner.

Remember that even the mating that brings Snippet alongside those three blue hens was itself with a very well-bred stallion. Peaks And Valleys finished up with a modest overall record at stud, but he was a conduit for excellent blood. From his multiple stakes-winning half-sister, Pin Oak bred millionaires Alternation (Distorted Humor) and Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro). And actually another of their siblings is the granddam of Mucho

Gusto (Mucho Macho Man), winner of the GI Pegasus World Cup in 2020. A month or so ago, second place in the latest running must have felt like as much of a contribution as Senor Buscador might have been expected to make to dynastic earnings. As it is, he has completed an amazing journey from the deserts of New Mexico to the sands of Arabia.

Miller Set to do His Pedigree Justice

Hot on the heels of **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**), a second grandson of Darling My Darling (Deputy Minister) duly kept her in the sophomore spotlight for the second weekend running when **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) won the G3 Saudi Derby. We won't go back over their shared family tree here, having done so last week in considering the GII Risen Star S. winner, but will instead record how another big pedigree is set to repay pretty big bucks.

Judge Miller (Curlin) has admittedly required patience of Muir Hut Stables, who gave \$550,000 for him at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale--a price that reflected full-sister Clairiere's emergence as one of the best fillies of her crop, albeit at that point she was no more than a Grade II winner. But while she

continued to work diligently for his page, winning the first of three elite prizes in the Cotillon S. just days later, her kid brother did not surface until last November when second in a sprint maiden at Del Mar. But he now looks ready to make up for lost time, having won a similar race at Santa Anita on Boxing Day and then produced an extraordinary performance round a second turn in an allowance there last weekend. His 11-length allowance score has been gilded by the joint-highest Beyer of the year



Clairiere | Sarah Andrew

to date. Let's hope that he can now match the competitive durability of his sister, because he certainly has plenty of that loaded into what is plainly a stallion's page. Their very fast dam Cavorting, yet another feather in Bernardini's cap as a broodmare sire, was up and running to win the GII Adirondack S., but still going strong two years later when carving her name on the same GI Ogden Phipps S. trophy that would subsequently be won twice by her daughter.

Clairiere, of course, was retained by breeders Stonestreet, who had made an inspired purchase of Cavorting as a \$360,000 weanling at the Keeneland November Sale in 2012.

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MOLLY'S TOWN	1st Indiana Futurity by 7½ lengths
MYSTIC LAKE	1st Gasparilla S., Tampa Bay Downs
PLAYTHE MUSIC	1st Leinster Lightning City S., on Saturday (pictured)



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They also doubled down with the mare's second daughter, La Crete (Medaglia d'Oro), who won the Silverbulletday S. on her second start before suffering a condylar fracture on her graded stakes debut. Thankfully salvaged by surgery, she gave the farm a perfect start to the current foaling season by safely delivering a colt by the inevitable Curlin. Despite his sketchy profile to date, there's an auspicious robustness to Judge Miller's family. Cavorting's own mother Promenade Colony (Carson City) was campaigned at a high level for three years (8-for-21 including the GII Molly Pitcher H. and a couple of Grade I placings); and the next dam, who was by that wholesome influence Pleasant Colony, was a half-sister to GISWs Another Review (by Buckaroo, 8-for-27 across 24 months) and No Review (Nodouble, 9-for-27 across 26) and full-sister to dual Grade II winner Dance Colony (actually another Adirondack winner, and 6-for-28). The world being what it is today, you know that Judge Miller has already done enough to get 200 mares next spring even if he is never seen again. But with all this old school resilience behind him, it's worth accepting that this horse was simply too "huge" to make a 2-year-old, according to Mark Glatt, and then was troubled by a foot abscess last summer. If he can now build on his breakout, he could certainly become a stud prospect to satisfy the more exacting standards of the past, as well.

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO ARCANGELO, UP TO THE MARK

Arcangelo (Arrogate--Modeling, by Tapit) and Up to the Mark (Not This Time--Belle's Finale, by Ghostzapper), both Eclipse champions of 2023 now standing their first season at stud at Lane's End. have had their first mares scanned in foal. Diamondcoat (Gemologist) has been pronounced in foal to 2023 champion 3-year-old Arcangelo. The 9-year-old mare, owned by Allied Racing Stable, is a half-sister to multiple Grade I-placed Absinthe Minded (Quiet American), the dam of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Oath (Arrogate). Campaigned by Jon Ebbert's Blue Rose Farm and trained by Jena Antonucci, Arcangelo won last year's GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S. He stands for \$35,000. Wrapper Rule (Candy Ride (Arg)) has been pronounced in foal to 2023 champion turf male Up to the Mark. The 6-year-old mare is a three-quarter sibling to Chatalas (Gun Runner), who won the 2023 GII Chandelier S. She is owned by Bruce Gibbs, Michael and Andrea Callanan and Declan Burke. Up to the Mark, raced by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables and trained by Todd Pletcher, won the GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic S., GI Manhattan S. and GI Coolmore Turf Mile S. He was second in the GI Breeder's Cup Turf before beginning his stud career at a fee of \$25,000.

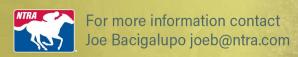
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The Louisiana route to the GI Kentucky Oaks has proven to be a productive series of prep races. Tarifa, coming off her win in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, could be the next Fair Grounds-based horse to turn into a star. Three of the last six Rachel Alexandra winners have gone on to win the Oaks. And Clairiere (Curlin), the 2021 winner went on to become a four-time Grade I winner. That bodes well for Tarifa, who surged into the top spot in this poll off of a 2 3/4-length win over the highly regarded Intricate (Gun Runner). The Rachel Alexandra was just her fourth start and her first in stakes company, so there's probably plenty of room for improvement for the Godolphin homebred.



Tarifa | *Hodges Photography*

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2) JUST F Y I (f, Justify--Star Act, by Street Cry {Ire}) O/B-George Krikorian (Ky); T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo filly, GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$1,317,750. Last start: WON Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 2.

<u>MARGAUX</u>

Starting and Training Grad

The Davona Dale should answer a lot of questions surrounding last year's 2-year-old champ. Her record is perfect, she won the Juvenile Fillies, and she's in the hands of Hall of Famer Bill Mott. Despite all that, she's going to have to show that she has progressed and matured since her 2-year-old season and gotten faster. Her best Beyer figure was a 79, which she recorded in the Breeders' Cup. That doesn't even make her the fastest horse in Saturday's Davona Dale. Leslie's Rose (Into Mischief) has run an 88 and an 87, numbers more indicative of a horse with the goods to win the Oaks. Mott will no doubt have her ready, but he's not exactly drilling her in the mornings. She worked five furlongs in 1:02.20 Feb. 24 and five furlongs in 1:03.60 Feb. 17. Both works were at Payson Park.

3) JODY'S PRIDE (f, American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy) O-Parkland Tbreds & Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (Ky); T-J Abreu. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 3-2-1-0, \$480,250. Last start: 2nd Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: Busher S., Aqu, Mar. 2.

Trainer Jorge Abreu called an audible at the line of scrimmage and decided to run Jody's Pride in the Busher instead of the Davona Dale. The Busher is a much easier race than the Davona Dale and offers the same amount of Kentucky Oaks points, with 50 points going to the winner. "We feel we can get our points easier in New York than we can in the Davona Dale," co-owner Steve Weston told the *Daily Racing Form*. Flavien Prat had been riding this filly but he has commitments on the Mar. 2 card at Santa Anita and will not be available. Jose Lezcano will take over. Jody's Pride's last start was a second-place finish in the Juvenile Fillies, which means, as is the case with Just F Y I, that she might not be fast enough to make it to the Kentucky Oaks winner's circle.



Kopion | Benoit

4) KOPION (f, Omaha Beach---Galloping Ami, by Victory Gallop) O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Tall Oaks Farm (Ky); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$270,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$116,600. Last start: 2nd Feb. 10 GIII Las Virgenes S. Ky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GII Santa Anita Oaks, SA, Apr. 6

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With Bob Baffert-trainees effectively banned from the Kentucky Oaks, Kopion could enter the Oaks as the top threat from California. While she may not be as good as the Baffert-trained Kinza (Carpe Diem), who beat her in the GIII Las Virgenes S., her credentials are pretty solid. She ran an 89 in the Las Virgenes, which puts her in the thick of things when it comes to the leaders of this division. Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella has never won a Derby or an Oaks. Maybe this will be the year that changes.

5) LESLIE'S ROSE (f, Into Mischief--Wildwood Rose {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Whisper Hill Farm; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,150,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', 2-2-0-0, \$89,950. Last start: WON Jan. 11 AOC at Gulfstream Park. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 2.

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The Davona Dale comes down to a classic case of speed figures-versus-class. Leslie' Rose is considerably faster than Just F Y I, but she has won only a maiden and an allowance race. Just F Y I, of course, is a two-time Grade I winner and an Eclipse champion. It's just that on the figures, she's not that fast. A \$1,150,000 purchase at Keeneland September by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farms, Leslie's Rose has the breeding, the speed and the right trainer in Todd Pletcher. A very nice prospect.



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6) POWER SQUEEZE (f, Union Rags--Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again) O-Lea Farms, LLC; B-Forging Oaks Farm (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSW, 5-3-1-0, \$188,650. Last start: WON Feb. 10 Suncoast S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, Mar. 30.

Halcvon Hammock Farm Graduate Half-sis SHAKIN DICE another productive BMP flip from Mike Sleza

Trainer Jorge Delgado has taken his time with this filly, a \$90,000 purchase at OBS April. It took her three starts to break her maiden and then he ran her in two minor stakes, the Cash Run S. and the Suncoast S. Life Talk (Gun Runner) was the 2-5 favorite in the Suncoast and she didn't have it, running last. Outside of her there wasn't much in the way of competition for Power Squeeze, so this might have been the case of her beating up on a weak field. We'll learn a lot more about her when she tackles tougher in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks.

7) INTRICATE (f, Gun Runner--Complex Analysis, by Distorted Humor) O-Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Scot Estes & Cambron Equine, LLC; B-LBD Stable, LLC (Ky); T-Brendan Walsh. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$362,180. Last start: 2nd GII Rachel Alexandra S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 35. Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 23.



Her star dimmed a bit when she couldn't handle Tarifa in the Rachel Alexandra, but there's no reason why she can't improve off of that effort and be a major player. Looked very good winning last year's GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill, winning by 5 1/4 lengths. "She's a very easy filly to train and does it all by herself. She's just been starting to come around and really put things together today. We've always thought she's a true two-turn filly," Walsh said after the Golden Rod. Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) finished third in the Golden Rod only to go on and win the Oaks. Both fillies are trained by Walsh. Don't count this filly out.

8) WEST OMAHA (f, West Coast--Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro) O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-2-0, \$203,000. Last start: 3rd in Feb. 24 GIII Honeybee S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: TBD.

Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

After winning the Jan. 20 Silverbulletday S. presented by Fasig-Tipton at the Fair Grounds, West Omaha looked like she was among the top tier in the 3-year-old filly division. That may no

longer be the case for the Brad Cox-trainee. Sent off as the 11-10 favorite in the GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn, she could do no better than third. She lost by four lengths. It was a definite regression from her earlier races and she will need to turn things around in her next start.

9) LEMON MUFFIN (f, Collected--Pelt, by Canadian Frontier)

O-Aaron Sones; B-Mr & Mrs Theodore R Kuster & Collected Syndicate (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas. Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-1-4-0, \$305,250. Last start: WON GIII Honeybee S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GIII Fantasy Stakes, OP, Mar. 30.

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Only Hall of Famer Wayne Lukas would take a five-time loser in the maiden ranks who had never gone beyond six furlongs and run her in a two-turn graded stakes, and win. That's exactly what Lukas did and he was rewarded with a huge win with Lemon Muffin in the Honeybee at odds of 28-1. "I think I'm the oldest guy to ever win the Honeybee," said the 88-year-old trainer. "I felt good about her. She was dying to go two turns and I knew it. I kind of handicapped her. I kept her short a couple of times. I've got to give credit to the owner [Aaron Sones]. Aaron Sones called me and said, 'Would you have the guts to put her in the Honeybee?' And, I said: 'Yes. I think that's where we ought to go.' So, he pushed me in that direction. I followed up on it and I loved it." Jockey Keith Asmussen collected his first graded stakes win in the Honeybee aboard Lemon Muffin.



Lemon Muffin | Coady Photography



Click on a stallion's name to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

10) RECHARGE (f, Gun Runner--Remit, by Tapit) O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-3-0-0, \$189,498. Last start: WON Feb. 18 Sunland Park Oaks. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GIII Fantasy S., OP, Mar.

A winner of the Sunland Park Oaks might not normally be considered a top threat for the Kentucky Oaks, but things might be different with this one. A Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred by Gun Runner, she in good hands in the Steve Asmussen barn and seems to be improving with each race, starting with her maiden win Dec. 14 at Remington Park. It's hard to say if she's good enough, but the answer to that question will no doubt come in her next start when she should meet much tougher competition.

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Gun Runner | Sarah Andrew

MATING PLANS presented by ASPENDTHRIFT

MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: WIMBERLEY BLOODSTOCK

The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Brendan Jacobson of Wimberley Bloodstock.

HOLIDAY SOIREE (15, Harlan's Holiday--Try to Remember, by Include) to be bred to Gun Runner.

Holiday Soiree was a talented racehorse who won the Shine Again S. at Saratoga and placed in the GI Humana Distaff at Churchill. She is the dam of Vahva (Gun Runner), who won the GII Raven Run S. and GIII Charles Town Oaks last year. She is a gorgeous filly with lots of tenacity and determination. Cherie DeVaux trains her, and her connections are excited about what 2024 will bring. I like the linebreeding to Storm Cat on this mating; it is the same cross as Echo Zulu, Gunite, and Pappacap. You also have female family linebreeding back to foundation mare, Alanesian. I am a big fan of linebreeding to superior females. Based on the above, I decided to send her to Gun Runner for 2024.

Holiday Soiree descends from a powerful female family cultivated by Ned Evans, and she might become a foundation mare for us. It will be tempting to keep the fillies out of her to race and add back to the broodmare band. We are commercial breeders, so it will be a tough decision on what to do if a filly is born.

Currently, Holiday Soiree is pregnant to City of Light, who has a lovely physical, and his offspring are having great success on the track and sales ring. Her newly turned 2-year-old filly is by City of Light and was a \$400,000 purchase for Belladonna Racing. The filly's connections report she is doing very well and at the top of the list each week. Holiday Soiree is also the dam of Signal From Noise (Arrogate), who ran second in the Lady's Secret S. I purchased this mare in November at Keeneland and am very excited to have her in the broodmare band.

GETTING LUCKY (6, Pioneerof the Nile--Lucky Number, by Smart Strike) to be bred to War of Will.

I purchased Getting Lucky in 2022 at Keeneland in foal to Bolt d'Oro. We now have a lovely Bolt d'Oro colt and will sell him at an upcoming auction as a yearling. I am excited to see how he does in the auction ring. Getting Lucky got a break from being a mother this year; however, we look forward to breeding her to War of Will in 2024. I am a big fan of what this sire did on the track, winning a Grade I on turf and dirt. He won the Preakness at 3 and at 4 he won the GI Maker's Mark Mile.

War of Will is an absolute bargain at his current \$25,000 stud fee. His yearlings averaged over \$100,000 in 2023, over a 4X multiple of his stud fee. Not only was he an excellent racehorse, but he is doing a great job as a stallion. He is very fertile, with an 80% live foal rate in his first year and an 82% live foal rate in his second year. War of Will looks like a promising heir to carry on War Front's legacy.

We think this sire is the perfect match for Getting Lucky, who descends from a deep Phipps female family, with mares like Get Lucky, Dance Number, Numbered Account, and Intriguing in the pedigree. The female family continues the excellent branch of the great foundation mare La Troienne.

TOBAGO (8, Pioneerof the Nile--Caroni, by Rubiano) to be bred to Flightline.

Tobago is one of my favorite mares; she is a good mother from an excellent family. She is out of Caroni and is a half to GSW Mo Tom (Uncle Mo), MGISP Beautician (Dehere),

Don'tforgetaboutme (Malibu Moon), and MGSW Red Ruby (Tiznow). All of whom had successful racing careers.

Caroni's offspring have gone on to earn \$2,348,994 in career earnings. Tobago's nephew, Crupi (Curlin), just placed in the Pegasus World Cup. I purchased Tobago in the fall of 2020 at Keeneland and am excited to get into this family.

Last year, we sold her yearling colt by Tapit privately to Winchell Thoroughbreds. He was a lovely specimen and precisely what you would expect a Tapit colt to look like.

As mentioned above, I am a big fan of linebreeding back to superior females. In this case, we are linebreeding back to Ruby Slippers. She has a really nice Essential Quality yearling colt on the ground, which will go to auction this year. I liked what I saw with the Tapit and Essential Quality, so I thought we would continue down the same path. She will be going to Flightline this year.

With these matings, you get the linebreeding back to Ruby Slippers, but you also get the magic Tapit-Empire Maker cross, which produced 31% stakes winners.

We don't have a lot of data yet on Pioneer of the Nile as a broodmare sire, but if he is anything like his dad, Empire Maker, then we will be in good shape.

KIRTAN (6, Cairo Prince--Sweet Pistol, by Smart Strike) to be bred to Nyquist.

Kirtan is a half-sister to GISW/MGSW Faiza and is carrying a foal by Girvin, so she has a 3/4 to Faiza in her belly. Faiza sold for \$4 million at Fasig-Tipton November Sale last year and is a beautiful individual. Kirtan and Faiza are attractive females, and I would expect their foals to be beautiful, too.

I am a big fan of Girvin and will be breeding more mares to him. It will be interesting to see what his offspring can accomplish with his move to Airdrie. I would say his mare quality has improved, and there is a big chance you will see more graded stakes winners coming in the future.

This will be the first foal for Kirtan, and I wanted to return to a proven stallion and give her every chance to succeed as a broodmare. Kirtan will be going to Nyquist in 2024, and I think the two will complement each other very well. The cross has produced horses like Outwork and A Mo Reay.

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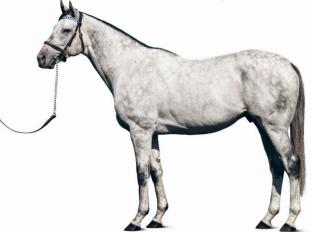


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SHESA MYSTERY (Verrazano--Mystery Itself, by Pulpit) to be bred to Not This Time.

We purchased GSP Shesa Mystery at the Keeneland November Sale and we were delighted she was in foal to Life is Good. He was a sound and brilliant racehorse, and we believe his offspring will be highly sought after in the sales ring.

Shesa Mystery comes from a strong female family; every dam going back to 1919 has produced stakes winners or stakes placed racehorses. She just had her first foal, and we are encouraged that this foal gives us a shot at continuing the trend. She is a beautiful mare and I hope her offspring take after her in the looks department.

Since she was bred to an unproven stallion for her first foal, I wanted to get her to a proven stallion for the second. Not This Time really improves his mares and what he has accomplished at stud made him a top match.

Not This Time's dam, Miss Macy Sue, was linebred back to foundation mare Aspidistra through Ta Wee. That seemed to work well because we now have two outstanding sires in Liam's Map and Not This Time. I thought adding some more Aspidistra to the pedigree would make some sense.

Shesa Mystery goes back to Aspidistra through the legendary Dr. Fager. Physically, they make a top pair and will complement each other very well. Like her mother, SP Honorifique showed talent on the racetrack. She is an attractive filly with lots of potential as a broodmare. Since her first foal will be by Quality Road, obviously a superstar stallion, I thought it would be worth a gamble to go to an unproven stallion for her second.

I wanted to breed a mare to Elite Power this year; she was the perfect match. He has an outstanding physical and showed so much brilliance on the track. He has all the qualities to become a top sire, and his offspring will be highly regarded in the sales ring.

FROSTED OATS (Frosted--More Oats Please, by Smart Strike) to be bred to Practical Joke.

Frosted Oats is a beautiful mare who showed talent on the track, earning over \$140,000 and winning multiple races. She was a \$250,000 yearling campaigned by MyRacehorse and

Spendthrift Farm.

Her half-sister is Peace and War (War Front), who won the GI Darley Alcibiades S. and placed in the GIII Delaware Oaks and the GI Cotillion S. Peace and War sold for \$1.45 million at the 2016 Keeneland November Sale.

Since this is her first foal, we wanted to get her started on a solid footing and thought

Practical Joke would be a terrific fit. He is a very attractive stallion, and his offspring excel on the track.

Practical Joke has started 2024



Honorifique | *Coady Photography*

HONORIFIQUE (Honor Code--Double, by Exchange Rate) to be bred to Elite Power.

We purchased Honorifique at the Keeneland November Sale while she was in foal to Quality Road. This will be her first. Honorifique is out of Doubled, who won the Sorority S. and placed in three other black-type races.

Doubled is out of Mayan Milagra, who produced Tapit full-siblings GSW Dancinginherdreams and Good Pick Nick. The former won the GII Pocahontas S. and placed in two others at that level. Good Pick Nick placed in the GIII Pegasus S.

Mayan Mialgra is out of Dhaka, bred by Allen Paulson, and she was a fast racehorse. Dhaka won or placed in five black-type races. Not only could she run, but she also produced a graded stakes placed gelding and two black-type winners.

I really like Honorifique's female family and think she has a real chance to continue the tradition of producing stakes winners. off strong, already siring four black-type winners--tied for second place with Quality Road. We think these two will make a top pair and produce a foal who will do well in the sales ring and on the track.

MY FIRST PEARL (6, First Samurai--Pearly Blue, by Empire Maker) to be bred to Bolt d'Oro.

SP My First Pearl was a talented a racehorse. She is a half-sister to the 2023 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner, Nobals (Noble Mission {GB}). I really think this family is on the upswing, and I am delighted to have her in the broodmare band. This filly needed to go to a stallion that matched her physically, and we thought Bolt d'Oro would be a top match.

Bolt's offspring are winning on turf and dirt, and I think he is a stallion to keep your eye on. This will be her first foal, and we are hopeful this mating will get her off to a good start as a broodmare.

FASHION WEEK (10, Speightstown-Theyskens' Theory, by Bernardini) to be bred to Liam's Map.

I purchased Fashion Week in 2019, pregnant to Into Mischief, now named New York Strong. He was a \$250,000 purchase by Peter Brant. She has also produced a \$90,000 Catholic Boy and a \$170,000 Uncle Mo. She has a Nyquist yearling on the ground who will go to auction this year, and she is in foal to Golden Pal. Everything she produces is attractive, so we are encouraged to see one of her offspring go on to do big things.

Fashion Week has a lot of linebreeding in her pedigree, so I thought an outcross would do her well. She is currently in foal to Golden Pal, who is an outcross with her, and we are going to breed her to Liam's Map, who is as well. Liam's Map is a very handsome individual whose offspring are doing well on the track and the sales ring. He is also a good value at a \$40,000 stud fee. His 2023 yearling average was over \$120,000, over a 3x multiple of his stud fee.

Fashion Week needs to be mated with a stallion with some speed. Liam's Map and Golden Pal both ran 126 e-figure races, and I am hopeful their genetics will add some speed to her offspring.

HARVEST (6, Street Sense--Cleaning, by Hard Spun) to be bred to Mitole.

I purchased Harvest in 2022, pregnant to Knicks Go, and he has turned out to be a handsome individual. He looks like what a racehorse should look like. I am impressed with what I have seen so far. He will be going to auction this year, and seeing him go through the ring will be a thrill.

Harvest is currently in foal to Upstart, which I am a big fan of and I think is great value. Airdrie has something special with Girvin and Upstart; they both improve their mares and produce winners. They are both great value at \$30,000.

For 2024, we will be breeding Harvest to Mitole. Mitole already has SW Ice Cold out of a Street Sense Mare, and they make a top match physically. He is also a great value at \$15,000, and we know he can produce runners.

I look forward to seeing Harvest continue being a good mother and Mitole excel at stud.

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TODD FINCHER JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM **PODCAST**

Todd Fincher, a standout on the New Mexico circuit, picked the perfect time and place to pick up his first Grade I win. His stable star Senor Buscador (Mineshaft), who was overdue to collect a big win, got the job done in the GI Saudi Cup. With a purse of \$20 million, it is the richest Thoroughbred race in the world.



Dustin Orona Photography

Fincher joined this week's TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland to discuss his popular horse, the reasons why he likes training in New Mexico, what are the prospects of a stallion career for Senor Buscador and more. Fincher was this week's Green Group Guest of the Week.

The margin was a nose. Did he know he had won and what made the difference this time?

"Just a little less bad luck is all that we really needed for this to happen," Fincher said. "Because every time he puts himself in a terrible position. The Japanese jockey (Yuga Kawada, the rider Ushba Tesoro) really did a good job. He had me in a bad position for a long time. We didn't have anywhere to go. He had us in a bad spot, and we had to wait down the stretch. When that horse finally cleared us that was when we could move out and make our run. Junior (Alvarado) timed that perfectly. That's why we were so emotional. Because we never thought he was going to win until the last second, and we still didn't know if we won because the finish was so close."

Senor Buscador will now head to Dubai for the GI Dubai World Cup. Run at a mile-and-a-quarter and around two turns, that race seems like a better fit for Senor Buscador than the oneturn, mile-and-an-eighth Saudi Cup. But Fincher said the real key to victory in Dubai will be whether or not the early pace is fast enough to set up his late run.

"He needs some kind of setup," Fincher said. "I don't know why he does it, but he takes himself back right out of the gate. If you watch the Pegasus he out broke National Treasure and then, three jumps later, he's four lengths behind him. So he does that to himself and he's not going to change that style. And we can't change it. So, you're still going to need a pace because he's not going to get up there mid-pack and hang around. So he needs an honest pace."

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NAMED "FIRST CAPTAIN" of ALL-VALUE SIRE TEAM

BY JOE NEVILLS
PRULICK REPORT

"When I'm ranking value sires, the big four criteria I use are whether they can get you a runner, a sales horse, a stallion, and whether they have momentum. Of all the sires I examined, Dialed In did the best and most consistent job of answering those four questions."







Fincher has been training since the late nineties and has been the proverbial big fish in the small pond that is New Mexico racing. Does he ever see himself moving on to a tougher circuit?

"You have to have the horses to make a move like that and I just don't have them," he said. "I have a ton of New Mexico breds. We break usually 30 to 50 horses a year, and 95% of them are New Mexico breds. Last year, we broke two Kentucky breds and one Louisiana bred, and the rest were New Mexico breds. So it's not like I normally have the right horses to do it. But this year, we actually broke 15 Kentucky breds and a couple of Louisiana breds. So we might have an opportunity to take a stable somewhere. But you can't go somewhere with two or three horses and set up a stable and think people are going to bring you horses".

During the stallion spotlight segments of the podcast, the crew sang the praises of the WinStar stallion Improbable, who stands for \$15,000, and the Coolmore stallion Tiz the Law, who stands for \$20,000. His first crop are now 2-year-olds and will be hitting the track shortly.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by WinStar Farm, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, Coolmore, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, 1/ST Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, and XBTV.com, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman reviewed the Saudi Cup, the GII Rebel S. and the GIII Honeybee Stakes at Oaklawn. They also looked ahead to this weekend's races, which will include major preps for the GI Kentucky Derby in the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita and the GII Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream. There was also a discussion of the Jeffrey Englehart story and whether or not HISA should expand its role so that it can oversee the sales.

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California. His loss is not just our loss, but a big loss for the entire state. We are honored that Mr. Krikorian had the confidence in Legacy Ranch to have Mr. Big stand here. He's going to be sorely missed."

From a racing career limited to nine starts due to injury, Mr. Big won twice at Hollywood Park. He was originally trained by John Shirreffs and later by Bob Baffert after Shirreffs relocated to New York. Under Baffert's tutelage, Mr. Big captured a 1 1/16-mile allowance event with Mike Smith aboard, crushing his competition by 8 3/4 lengths. Krikorian retired Mr. Big to his Kentucky farm in early 2010 and bred him to a few of his mares. His faith in the horse was rewarded when Mr. Big's first foal, Big Break, won for Krikorian first time out by 7 3/4 lengths at Santa Anita. Big Break went on to earn \$236,699 in 42 starts over four seasons. Ceiling Crusher is the stallion's leading earning to date. The 4-year-old filly won last year's GI Cotillion S. and GIII Torrey Pines S. and, with career earnings of \$938,400, sold to Katsumi Yoshida for \$750,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale.

Mr. Big got his first graded winner when Kentucky-bred Big Score won the 2017 GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland in Krikorian's colors.

"I brought Mr. Big out to California because I thought he'd have a better chance as a stallion," Krikorian said. "And that's what happened."

Krikorian-bred Big Fish won the 2020 Del Mar Juvenile Turf S. and was named co-champion Cal-bred 2-year-old male of 2020. Other stakes winners soon followed, including \$392,420-earner Big Switch, \$367,958-earner Big Sweep, \$367,958-earner Big Summer, and \$345,770-earner Chancery Way.

"We have a lot of horses coming up by Mr. Big that have shown good potential," Krikorian said. "Mr. Big was the special gift that kept on giving."

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Mr. Big (Dynaformer--Fashion Delight, by Fappiano) died Tuesday due to complications from laminitis. Sire of 12 black-type winners, including California-bred champions Big Fish and Ceiling Crusher, Mr. Big was 21. Mr. Big was campaigned by George Krikorian, who purchased the bay as a weanling for \$220,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November sale. Krikorian then developed him into one of California's leading sires.

"I'm heartbroken--Mr. Big was a very special horse," Krikorian said.

Mr. Big had stood the past two seasons at Pete and Evelyn Parrella's Legacy Ranch in Clements, California, and had just begun the 2024 covering season.

"Myself, Evelyn and the entire staff at Legacy Ranch are devastated by this sudden turn of events," Parrella said. "Mr. Big has become a major influence in the breeding industry in



Ceiling Crusher | *Sarah Andrew*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES'

Picture waking up to a world where our beloved industry doesn't exist. This thought isn't just a scare tactic; it's a serious wake-up call about what's at stake--our jobs, our skills and the legacy many families have built over generations.

Our industry, known for its grit and passion, is facing serious threats, both from inside and out. And yet, we've been too comfortable, too stuck in our ways, too scared to change.

We've heard the tough feedback, and it's not all unwarranted. Claims that we lack emotional maturity and are stuck in our ways beg us to take a hard look in the mirror.

Is it that we can't handle the tough, honest conversations necessary for growth or have we just been taking the easy way out?

Our future depends on us coming together, being open to change and facing the hard truths. Leadership needs to be about collaboration and empowering everyone.

We can't let those who love to see us divided win. It's time to show the doubters what we're really made of, not with just words, but with action.

We're at a crucial point. The choices we make now will shape the future of Thoroughbred racing.

Let's make the smart choice and take bold steps forward. The clock is ticking, and we've got too much to lose.

Holding on to the hope that being underestimated is our secret weapon--they won't know what hit them. Time to roll up our sleeves and show them they're wrong!

Warm regards, Clark Shepherd

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WEEKLY RULINGS 🔨



STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS,

FEB. 20-26 by Dan Ross

Every week, the TDN posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) related rulings from around the country.

Among this week's rulings, trainer Carlos Mancilla has been suspended for 15 days for a post-race Gabapentin positive from Sept. 10, and fined \$1,000. Gabapentin, a Class B controlled medication, is an anti-seizure medicine for humans that is also used to treat complications from shingles.

According to the final ruling by an internal adjudication panel, Mancilla said that the positive probably came about because of the horse, Cara in the City, ingesting straw contaminated with Gabapentin through urine. "Mr. Mancilla however did not provide any concrete evidence to support this assertion," the final ruling states.

The internal adjudication panel issued Mancilla the maximum possible sanction for a first Class B controlled medication violation under HISA.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit's (HIWU) "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations Resolution Date: 02/23/2024 Licensee: Jeffrey Englehart, trainer

Penalty: No penalty. Equine Anti-Doping charge withdrawn. **Explainer**: For the presence of Clenbuterol--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Fast Heart. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212--Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers. More on the story here.

Resolution Date: 02/22/2024 Licensee: Reynaldo Yanez, trainer

Penalty: No penalty. Equine Controlled Medication charge

withdrawn.

Explainer: A possible violation of Rule 3314--Use or Attempted

Use of a Controlled

Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method--on the horse, That Magic Moment. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222--Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

Date: 02/22/2024

Licensee: Carlos Mancilla, trainer

Penalty: 15-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on February 23, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points.

Explainer: For the presence of Gabapentin--Controlled Medications (Class B)--in a sample taken from Cara in the City, who finished second at Pimlico on 9/10/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 02/06/2024 Licensee: Lacy Pierce, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vets' list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Acepromazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Mamba Forever on 2/6/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/03/2024

Licensee: Howard Love, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vets' list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Slender Slipper on 2/3/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 12/30/2023

Licensee: Bruce Levine, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Fortune's Nephew, who finished third at Aqueduct on 12/30/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 12/15/2023

Licensee: Brittany Russell, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Battling Time, who won at Laurel Park on 12/15/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/03/2024

Licensee: Jorge Diaz, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Xylazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Celtic Treasure, who did not finish a race at Parx Racing on 1/3/24 (according to Equibase,

Celtic Treasure was "injured in the early stages, pulled up and vanned off"). This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/13/2023

Licensee: Juan Guerrero, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Crypt, who won at Parx Racing on 11/13/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its

Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/26/2024

Licensee: Frank Santillana, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Flunixin--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Mi Gusto Es, who finished tenth at Tampa Bay on 1/26/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or

its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 12/09/2023

Licensee: Jeffrey Englehart, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vets' list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Storm the Empire on 12/9/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/19/2024

Licensee: Flint Stites, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the potential breach of Rule 4221--Alkalinization or use/administration of an Alkalinizing Agent (TCO2)--on Rock Anna Roll, who finished fifth at Penn National on 1/19/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313--Use of a Controlled

Method During the Race Period.

Date: 01/02/2024

Licensee: Carla Morgan, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Xylazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from River City Rocker on 1/2/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/28/2024

Licensee: Michael Simone, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Another Duke, who won at Tampa Bay on 1/28/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Violations of Crop Rule

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Santa Anita

Drayden Van Dyke--violation date Feb 23; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes

Kazushi Kimura--violation date Feb 23; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

OTHER KEY RULINGS

The *TDN* also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here's a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

California

Track: Santa Anita Date: 02/25/2024

Licensee: Rolando Quinonez, trainer

Penalty: \$1,000 fine

Violation: Non-compliance with pre-workout veterinarian

examinations

Explainer: Trainer Rolando Quinonez is fined \$1,000.00 for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (Workouts - No 72-hour pre-workout Veterinarian examinations [Non-compliance for 28 out of 238 workouts]) between January 1, 2022, through August 20, 2023.

New York

Track: Aqueduct
Date: 02/20/2024

Licensee: Nancy Vutz, racing official

Penalty: \$1,500

Violation: Lasix administration error

Explainer: Racing Official Dr. Nancy Vutz is hereby fined the sum of \$1,500 for failing to conduct business in a proper manner necessitating a scratch in Race #3 at Aqueduct Racetrack on

February 19, 2024.

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FINGER LAKES EXPANDS CLAIMING SERIES

Following the successful debut of its North Warning Distance Claiming series in 2023, Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack has added three more claiming series to its 2024 meet which opens Apr. 29. Pending approval from the New York State Gaming Commission, the track's racing secretary Jerry Richards will add an additional distance series for fillies and mares and two sprint claiming series.

All three series are named after some of the winningest horses to ever compete at Finger Lakes.

The Unhinged Iron Distance Claiming Series is the female version of the North Warning series, while the sprint series are named the Mt. Rushmore, and the Wise Awake for fillies and mares. All three series feature two claiming legs prior to a final.

Each series kicks off Aug. 5 with \$5,000 claimers vying for \$14,000 (added). The sprint distance will be a five-furlong dash, while the Unhinged Iron series starts out at 1 1/16 miles.

The claiming price increases to \$6,250 for leg two, scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 2. Sprinters will compete at 5 1/2 furlongs with the ladies in the Unhinged Iron Distance Series racing an extra sixteenth of a mile to 1 1/8 miles. The purse money increases to \$17,500 (added).

All finals will be run on New York Breeders' Futurity Day, Oct. 21, and will each feature a \$25,000 purse. Distances will be six furlongs for the sprinters and the Classic distance of 1 1/4 miles for the Unhinged Iron. To be eligible for the finals, horses must have run in one of the first two legs and have earned enough points to make the finals. There is no claiming in any series final.

The North Warning series will return for its second year on July 1 and feature three legs and a final. The final of the North Warning, also to be run on Oct. 21, will be contested at 1 3/4 miles for a purse of \$30,000.

The Oct. 21 program will be one of the richest days in the 63-year history of Finger Lakes.

The card will feature the \$200,000 (estimated) New York Breeders Futurity, \$50,000 Jack Betta Be Rite stakes and \$50,000 Genesee Valley Breeders, as well as the four claiming series finals.

"We see a lot of value to our horseman by running these claiming series," said Richards, who is in his third season at Finger Lakes. "The rich final of each series gives these lower-level claimers a nice opportunity to make some good money, and we're all for that."

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TURFWAY TO REMAIN OPEN FOR YEAR-ROUND TRAINING

Turfway Park Racing & Gaming will once again be open for year-round training, track officials announced Wednesday. Summer stall applications are due Mar. 15.

"There is once again significant interest from trainers to remain based at Turfway Park for year-round training," said Gary Palmisano, Jr., vice president of racing for Churchill Downs, Inc. "Turfway is conveniently located within a reasonable van drive to both Churchill Downs and Ellis Park. Any trainer that ships a horse from Turfway to compete at either of those two tracks, along with Colonial Downs and Presque Isle Downs, will receive a \$150 credit to assist with stall expenses."

Stall applications can be found here or by contacting Peggy Pate at Peggy.Pate@turfwaypark.com.

Summer stall space will run from Apr. 15 through Oct. 31.

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WINSTAR SECURES NIL DEAL WITH UK'S REED **SHEPPARD**

WinStar Farm has secured a 'Name, Image, and Likeness' deal with University of Kentucky basketball player Reed Sheppard to promote WinStar stallion Life Is Good (Into Mischief).

A freshman guard for John Calipari's Wildcats, Sheppard was Mr. Kentucky Basketball in 2023 and a McDonald's All-American. Also honored as the 2022 Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year, Sheppard is off to a fast start for the Wildcats (20-8) this season. With March Madness on the horizon, Sheppard is averaging 12.5 points per game, 4.4 rebounds, and 4.3 assists in the 2023-24 season. A native of London, KY., Sheppard is the son of Jeff and Stacey Sheppard, who both played college basketball at UK. Jeff was the Most Valuable Player of the 1998 Final Four and won two national championships.

"Reed Sheppard is all about what we believe in at WinStar," said WinStar Farm President and CEO Elliott Walden. "Being a good teammate (partner), conducting himself with humility, and giving 100% in all he does. We think he is a great fit for Life Is Good and WinStar Farm."



Reed Sheppard and Life is Good | Jon Siegel

A four-time Grade I winner, including the 2021 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, Life is Good is currently standing his second season at stud. He bred 192 mares in his initial season, including 70 GSW/GS producers and 25 GIW/GI producers and his first infoal mares sold for up to \$1.2 million. He stands for \$85,000 S&N.

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DEL CID, BROBERG AND END ZONE ATHLETICS REPEAT AT DELTA DOWNS

Vicente Del Cid finished atop the rider standings, while Karl Broberg retained his grip on the leading trainer crown and End Zone Athletics, Inc. won another leading owner title as results from the 2023-2024 Thoroughbred season at Delta Downs mirrored last year's results at the Louisiana track. The meet concluded Saturday. Del Cid won his second consecutive title as leading rider with 116 wins from 438 mounts and \$2,624,265 in mount earnings. The Guatemala native's first career win came at Delta Downs on Oct. 21, 2021, and he finished second in the voting for the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey in 2022. Del Cid also won the title of leading jockey at Boyd Gaming's Evangeline Downs in 2022 and 2023 Broberg continued his dominance at Delta Downs in 2023-24, sending out 65 winners and totaling \$1,353,610 in barn earnings to lead each category. It was the 13th straight time the Broberg barn has led the standings dating back to the 2011-12 season. During the 2018-19 season his horses set the current records for Thoroughbred trainers with 107 wins and earnings of \$2,017,120. The End Zone Athletics of Broberg and Matt Johanson, saw 50 of its runners win and earn a total of \$983,560 during the meeting to lead both categories for owners. It was the ninth consecutive title and 12th overall for End Zone.

FRAZIER, WHITE AND FLAG DE LUNE TO JOIN WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME

Jockey Basil Frazier, Grade I-winning mare Flag de Lune (Flag Officer), and racing writer/broadcaster Jon White will be inducted into the Washington Racing Hall of Fame this summer, Emerald Downs announced Wednesday.

Washington's Horse of the Year in 1984, Flag de Lune was a multiple stakes winner on dirt, including the inaugural running of the Longacres Lassies S., and became a Grade I winner on turf when she won the 1984 Ramona H. at Del Mar.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Frazier rode in Canada and the United States, retiring in 1985 with 2,218 career victories. Frazier's crowning moment was a dramatic victory aboard Times Rush in the 1974 Longacres Mile.

Another native of Spokane, White has been a local and national force in racing media for over five decades. Beginning with Daily Racing Form as chart-caller at age 19, White has been a publicist, television host, morning-line maker and steward, his byline appearing in The BloodHorse, Los Angeles Times, Thoroughbred Record, Canadian Horse, and The Washington Thoroughbred, among others.

White currently writes a weekly column for Xpressbet.com, appears weekly on Steve Byk's national racing show, and produces morning lines for Santa Anita and Del Mar, including the morning lines for eight Breeders' Cups.

"What a tremendous honor it is for this Washington-bred to go into the Washington Racing Hall of Fame," White said. "I consider it to be the pinnacle of my career in racing. I just wish that my father [Quentin White] was still alive to see this. As a lifelong racing fan, he'd be over the moon."

The official induction ceremony will be held Aug. 10 at Emerald Downs. Also to be honored at the ceremony, longtime trainer and former NFL and University of Washington running back Junior Coffey will be presented with the 2024 Lifetime Achievement award.

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CATALOGUE RELEASED FOR THE 2024 TEXAS TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE

The catalog for the 2024 Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, set for Wednesday, Apr. 3 beginning at 10 a.m. ET in the Lone Star Park Sales Pavilion, is out, the Texas Thoroughbred Association said in a release Wednesday.

The breeze show is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 1 on Lone Star's main track, starting at 8 a.m. ET.

"This is a solid, quality group of two-year-olds coming to our sale," Texas Thoroughbred Association Sales Director Foster Bridewell said.

"We have an array of national and regional stallions represented in the book and stakes-quality pedigrees to match."

Juveniles by Bolt d'Oro, Frosted, Game Winner, Global Campaign, Instagrand, Jimmy Creed, Medaglia d'Oro, Mitole, More Than Ready, Twirling Candy, Vino Rosso, and Violence are catalogued this year, as well as regional stallions like Aurelius Maximus, Cinco Charlie, Competitive Edge, My Golden Song, Star Guitar and Too Much Bling.

"We have two-year-olds by well-known stallions, out of stakes winners, and half siblings to stakes runners currently on tracks around the area and nation," Bridewell said. "We're thrilled to have this opportunity to showcase these horses in April at Lone Star Park and we're grateful to our breeders, owners, and consignors for trusting in us to put on a quality sale."

Paper catalogues will be mailed soon and supplements are expected. Click here for access.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Gulfstream #14, post time: 6:10 p.m. EST

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Speak Easy	Constitution	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	119
2	Le Dom Bro	Mucho Macho Man	Vicente Stella Stables LLC	Cordero	Gonzalez	119
3	Victory Avenue 🖛	Arrogate	OGMA Investments, JR Ranch, Upland Flats Racing,	Delgado	Velazquez	119
			Morplay Racing, High Step Racing, Lady Sheila Stable			
			Michael lavarone and Jules lavarone			
4	Real Macho 🖛	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Rohan Crichton,	Crichton	Gaffalione	121
			Daniel L. Walters and Dennis Smith			
5	Dornoch 🛪	Good Magic	West Paces Racing, R.A. Hill Stable, Belmar Racing	Gargan	Saez	123
			and Breeding, Two Eight Racing and Pine Racing			
6	Merit	Mastery	Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	119
7	Frankie's Empire	Classic Empire	Frank DeLuca	Yates	Vasquez	121
8	Locked 🛪	Gun Runner	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Walmac Farm	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
9	Dancing Groom 🛷	Vino Rosso	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Castellano	119

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Teneri Farms Inc, 3-Epic Racing, 4-Poe Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Grandview Equine, 6-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey, 8-Rosa Colasanti, 9-Don Alberto Corporation

Saturday, Gulfstream #7, post time: 2:15 p.m. EST MAC DIARMIDA S. PRESENTED BY CORNICHE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Main Event 🖛	Bernardini	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Weaver	Castellano	124
2	Anglophile	English Channel	Michael Thomas Paradis	Lynch	Velazquez	124
3	Headline News	Curlin	Joseph Allen LLC	Toner	Ortiz	118
4	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Zayas	122
5	Catch That Party	More Than Ready	Michael Dubb	Maker	Lopez	118
6	Dynadrive 🖛	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	124
7	Tawny Port 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Gaffalione	122
8	Calycanthus	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Leparoux	118
9	Six Minus 🖛	English Channel	Repole Stable, Jake J. & Todd A. Pletcher	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
10	Kingmax (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	118

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, Eric Buckley & ElizabethBuckley, 2-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 3-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 6-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Payson Stud Inc, 10-Sunderland Holding Inc.



Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:17 p.m. EST

DAVONA DALE S. PRESENTED BY FANDUEL TV-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Sayely 🖛	Maximus Mischief	Gran Chanito Stbl, Soldi Stbl & Orange Racing Stbl	D'Angelo	Lopez	118
2	Leslie's Rose 🛪	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Just F Y I	Justify	George Krikorian	Mott	Alvarado	123
4	Fiona's Magic	St Patrick's Day	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Gaffalione	120
5	Whocouldaskformo 🛪	Uncle Mo	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118
6	Queen's Martini 🛷	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Gargan	Saez	118
7	New Diamond 🛷	Bee Jersey	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC	Biancone	Egan	118
8	Into Champagne 🖛	Into Mischief	Six Column Stables, LLC, Randall L. Bloch,	Wilkes	Leparoux	120
			Mike Davis and Michael Steele			

Breeders: 1-Beth Bayer, 2-John D. Gunther & Eurowest BloodstockServices, 3-George Krikorian, 4-Stonehedge, LLC, 5-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 6-Mucho Macho Man Syndicate & Kari Provost, 7-Charles Fipke, 8-Robert Low & Lawana Low

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:20 p.m. EST

GULFSTREAM PARK MILE S. PRESENTED BY JACK CHRISTOPHER-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Goldfarb, S, Nice Guys Stables & R. Falcone, Jr.	Falcone, Jr.	Velazquez	118
2	Wit 🖛	Practical Joke	Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable & Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Carrie L. Brogden, Michael lavarone & Julia C.	Dibona	Lopez	122
4	Il Miracolo 🛪	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Castellano	122
5	Tumbarumba	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Saez	124
6	Shaq Diesel	Khozan	Bishop, Chester A., Hinkson, Anthony, Rampaul,	Fawkes	Bravo	122
			Alvin, Biggs, Patrick and Stanford, Donovan			
7	Ticking	Bolt d'Oro	Ellman, Leon, Glassman Racing & Plesa, Laurie	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	118
8	Gilmore 🛪	Twirling Candy	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
			Masterson, Robert, Stonestreet Stables,			
			Schoenfarber, Jay, Waves Edge Capital & Donovan, C			

Breeders: 1-Dragon Slayer Stable, 2-Rosilyn Polan, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 5-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 6-Bishop Racing, Inc., 7-France Weiner, Irwin Weiner, ValerydeMeric & Tristan deMeric, 8-Dividing Ridge Farm

Saturday, Aqueduct #10, post time: 5:36 p.m. EST GOTHAM S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Khanate 🖛	Hightail	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Gomez	118
2	Maximus Meridius	Maximus Mischief	LC Racing, Cash is King and Robert E. Reid, Jr.	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	118
3	Deterministic 🛪	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Ken Langone, C. Steven Duncker and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Rosario	118
4	Facenda	Violence	William A. Branch	O'Neill	Cedillo	118
5	Deposition	Constitution	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Haddock	118
6	Air Cav 🖛	Mitole	Calumet Farm	Cox	Cancel	118
7	El Grande O	Take Charge Indy	Barry K. Schwartz	Rice	Carmouche	118
8	Bergen 🛪	Liam's Map	Spendthrift Farm, Martin Schwartz, Gandharvi, Big Easy Racing, Rick Kanter, James J. Bakke, Titletown Racing Stables, Kueber Racing, Golconda Stable, Ali Goodrich and Mark Parkinson	Cox	Franco	120
9	Eliminate 🖛	Curlin	Spendthrift Farm LLC and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Davis	118
10	Just a Touch 🖛	Justify	Qatar Racing, Resolute Racing and Marc Detampel	Cox	Geroux	118
11	Lightline 🛪	City of Light	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Vazquez	118
12	Slider	Jimmy Creed	Hall Racing/Pearl Racing/WestPoint Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Lezcano	120
13	Capital Idea 🛪	Classic Empire	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	McCarthy	118

Breeders: 1-Mongolian Stable, 2-Westerly Farm, 3-Hinkle Farms, 4-Wimbledon Farm, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Highlight Thoroughbreds & Haugh Stables, 7-Stonewall Farm, 8-Castleton Lyons, Kilboy Estate & GavinTierney, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Don Alberto Corporation, 11-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 12-Jason Hall, Stephen Baker, HerschelMartindale, and Mike Riordan, 13-Steven Nicholson & Brandi Nicholson

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:45 p.m. EST HERECOMESTHEBRIDE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mystic Lake	Mo Town	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	121
2	Crown Imperial	Classic Empire	4 G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Leparoux	121
3	Ozara (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Gaffalione	121
4	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Quintessential Racing Florida, Rocky Top Stable	Casse	Lopez	121
			and LEMB Stables			
5	Macanga	American Pharoah	Imaginary Stables and Sonny Stables	Abreu	Velazquez	119
6	Show Off	Lookin At Lucky	Skymac Stables LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	121
7	Life's an Audible 🛷	Audible	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
8	Irish Maxima	Maximus Mischief	Irish Three Racing LLC	Servis	Saez	121
9	Time to Dazzle 🛪	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Bravo	121
10	Agra	Blame	Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.	Mott	Alvarado	119
11	Pounce 🛪	Lookin At Lucky	Resolute Racing	Casse	Castellano	121

Breeders: 1-Peggy Costanzo, 2-4 G Racing, 3-Fleche D'Or Partnership, 4-Freddie Hyatt, 5-Fred W. Hertrich III, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-Susan Moulton, 8-Pillar Property Services Inc, 9-Dr. Rodney Orr, 10-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 11-Bell, Rankin, VanMeter & Hancock

Saturday, Aqueduct #9, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST TOM FOOL H.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	
1	Downtownchalybrown	Uptowncharlybrown	In or Out Stable	Synnefias	Hernandez	116
2	Listentoyourheart	Afleet Alex	Merrylegs Farm	Handal	Davis	118
3	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms	Delgado	Olver	124
4	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Walden	Vazquez	119
5	Rotknee	Runhappy	William J. Butler	Maker	Lezcano	121
6	Twenty Four Mamba 🛪	Classic Empire	PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable,	Baker	Davis	119
			WLIR Racing Stables and Acqua Nova Stable			
7	Stage Left 🖛	Congrats	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Geroux	119
8	Durante	Distorted Humor	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Franco	122

Breeders: 1-Godric LLC, 2-Merrylegs Farm North, LLC, 3-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 4-Martha Jane Mulholland &Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 5-William Butler, 6-Respite Farm, Inc, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 8-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 3:49 p.m. EST THE VERY ONE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rosario's Prayer	Sky Kingdom	Arnaldo Monge	Cordero	Perez	118
2	Highland Grace	American Pharoah	Joyce B. Young	Tagg	Alvarado	118
3	Ready Lady	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Lopez	118
4	Viva La Red 🖛	Texas Red	WLT Investments, LLC	Biancone	Egan	118
5	Sister Lou Ann	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118
6	Anatolian 🖛	Not This Time	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Saez	118
7	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
8	Miss Yearwood	Will Take Charge	Roger Keith Long Revocable Trust	Wilkes	Landeros	120
9	Angel Nadeshiko 🖛	Carpe Diem	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	123
10	R Calli Kim 🖛	Revolutionary	Averill Racing LLC and Two Eight Racing LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	123

Breeders: 1-Jose J. Rivera & Magda H. Jacobs, 2-Bonner Young, 3-Charles Fipke, 4-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Springland Farm, 7-Frankfort Park Farm, 8-R. Keith Long, 9-Fred W. Hertrich III, 10-Upson Downs Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 4:53 p.m. EST CANADIAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Saratoga Flash	Laoban	Dailey Double Racing, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
2	Smokin' T 🖛	War Front	DATTT Stable	McGaughey III	Velazquez	124
3	Emmanuel 🖛	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
4	Turf King (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Wise Racing LLC	Brown	Gaffalione	118
5	Siege of Boston	War Front	Joseph Allen LLC	Toner	Ortiz	118
6	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lopez	120
7	Eldon's Prince 🛪	Cairo Prince	Gentry Farms	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	120
8	Napoleonic War 🛷	War Front	Michael lavarone & Jules and Jake's Dream	Sisterson	Ruiz	118
9	Giant Game	Giant's Causeway	West Point Tbreds & Albaugh Family Stables	Romans	Alvarado	118
10	Ice Chocolat (Brz)	Goldikovic (Ire)	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable and Peter Deutsch	Casse	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Dattt Farm LLC, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Ridgemont Stud (Ltd), 5-Joseph Allen, LLC & White Birch Farm, Inc., 6-Godolphin, 7-William D. Graham, 8-White Birch Farm, Inc., 9-H. Allen Poindexter, 10-Haras Niju

Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:23 p.m. EST HONEY FOX S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Carol Ann (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Staghawk Stables	Motion	Velazquez	118
2	Candy Light 🖛	Candy Ride (Arg)	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	120
3	Be My Sunshine 🖛	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Alvarado	120
4	Spansive 🛪	Karakontie (Jpn)	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
5	Walkathon	Twirling Candy	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	123
6	Chili Flag (Fr)	Cityscape (GB)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb & Michael Kisber	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	For the Flag	Uncle Mo	Joseph Allen LLC	Toner	Saez	118
8	Mohawk Trail 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	NBS Stable	Danner	Egan	120
9	Time Passage	Tunwoo	Laurie Plesa and Glassman Racing LLC	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	120
10	Infinite Diamond	Bee Jersey	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Madaket Stables &	Biancone	Lopez	118
			Frank Silva			
11	Ancient Peace <a>**	War Front	Boardshorts Stables, LLC	Lynch	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-Mr Bill Crager, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 3-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 5-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Finanza Locale Consulting SRL, 7-Joseph Allen, LLC, 8-Westbury Stables LLC, 9-Baoma Corp, 10-Charles Fipke, 11-Sam-Son Farm



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ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:28.60, fm, head.

UTAH BEACH (g, 4, English Channel--My Own Story, by Lasting Approval) finished second in each of his first three attempts, all on the grass. He made his next two tries going 1 1/4 miles over Turfway's synthetic, graduating Nov. 29 and finishing second Jan. 25. Back on the lawn here, the 9-5 favorite raced in an inside third for most of the way, made a three-wide bid at the top of the stretch and dug down gamely to eke out a head victory in a wild finish. Utah Beach is a half-brother to Real Story (Fast Bullet), GSW, \$349,592; and My Afleet (Afleet Alex), SW, \$394,612. The winner's dam has also produced a Twirling Candy colt of 2022 and a Blame colt of 2023. She was bred to Twirling Candy for 2024. Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, \$164,565. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Jeffrey S. Amling & Merriebelle Stable; B-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm (KY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-28, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.67, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MANAGING MISCHIEF (f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Enchanting Essence, by Midshipman), a front-running maiden winner over course and distance Jan. 13, tired to fourth while making her two-turn debut in the Suncoast S. Feb. 10. Cutting back to six furlongs here, the 4-5 favorite made every pole a winning one. It was 2 1/4 lengths back to Corinth (Street Boss) in second. After producing a colt by Lexitonian in 2023, the winner's dam was bred back to Charlatan. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '23 FTDOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$54,300.

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O-America's Thoroughbred Investors; B-John R. Penn (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



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Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners 9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Lucky Speech, 12-1 \$105,000 KEE SEP yrl

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000 160 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner 3-Sunland, 3:17 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Young Pope, 7-2 \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$9,000 I '23 KEE NOV

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 80 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, In B. J.'s Honor, 12-1

8-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, Live High Live Low, 8-1

\$90,000 OBS OCT vrl

8-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, Themanupfront, 5-1

Dorrance (Distorted Humor), No Escape Ranch 7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Sunland, 3:17 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sueno Real, 15-1



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Dynamic Racer (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm

17 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, C V Dynamic, 5-2

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch

45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Juana Rumble, 2-1 9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Shug's Rocket, 12-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 2-28, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.58, my, 5 1/4 lengths.

G T THREE FIFTY (g, 5, Speightster--Ela Enta {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$90,212. O-Gene Burkholder; B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH); T-Justin Radosevich. *\$5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$33,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

7th-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 2-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.95, ft, 1 1/4 lengths. **LUCY L (m, 5, Informed--Wedding Note, by Grey Memo)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-2-2, \$98,490. O-Evans, Justin R. & SCW Racing; B-Ridgeley Farm (CA); T-Justin R. Evans.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$28,400, 2-28, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.98, my, 4 lengths.

EPICUREAN (m, 6, Speightster--Woodland Sprite, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 38-9-7-7, \$237,731. O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R. Rivera); B-Kathie Maybee & Rhianon Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Nestor Rivera. *\$50,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stick Around, f, 3, **Wildcat Red**--Opie, by Lemon Drop Kid. Mahoning Valley, 2-28, (S), 6f, 1:15.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$36,570. B-Robert M. Gorham (OH).

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English Channel, Utah Beach, g, 4, o/o My Own Story, by Lasting Approval. AOC, 2-28, Gulfstream

Informed, Lucy L, m, 5, o/o Wedding Note, by Grey Memo. AOC, 2-27, Turf Paradise

Maximus Mischief, Managing Mischief, f, 3, o/o Enchanting Essence, by Midshipman. AOC, 2-28, Tampa Bay Speightster, Epicurean, m, 6, o/o Woodland Sprite, by

Woodman. ALW, 2-28, Mahoning Valley

Speightster, G T Three Fifty, g, 5, o/o Ela Enta (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). ALW, 2-28, Mahoning Valley

Wildcat Red, Stick Around, f, 3, o/o Opie, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 2-28, Mahoning Valley



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"I'M ABSOLUTELY LOVING IT" - POSTE EXCITED BY **DEBUT BREEZE-UP** CONSIGNMENT



Francesca and Charlie Poste | *Tattersalls*

By Brian Sheerin

Respected point-to-point handler and ex-jumps jockey Charlie Poste says that he is "absolutely loving" his first endeavours into the breeze-up business and looks forward to consigning his first draft at the upcoming Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up and Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up sales. Cont. p3

ANNAF TO SKIP JAPAN AND INSTEAD LIKELY FOR THE AL QUOZ SPRINT

In fine fettle following a victory at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh is Mick Appleby trainee Annaf (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), who is likely to take his chance at the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the Dubai World Cup night.

Successful in the G2 1351 Turf Sprint, the Fosnic Racing silksbearer and G1 King's Stand S. third won a Doncaster handicap in September, prior to the G3 Bengough S. a month later. Second in the Listed Kachy S. at Lingfield, the 5-year-old entire's conqueror that day, Diligent Harry (GB) (Due Diligence), added another listed affair the same day as the 1351 Turf Sprint. Annaf was under consideration for Japan's G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen on Mar. 24.

Appleby said, "He's all good, he's come out of the race fine. He did it really well, we were quite surprised at the price of him to be honest.

"He'll more than likely go out to Dubai on World Cup night, he was invited to Japan, but we've decided not to go there as the race might come too soon for him and there's a lot of travelling as well."

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IN TON AMERICA TODAY

BREEDING DIGEST: TIMBERLAKE

Chris McGrath takes a deep dive into the pedigree of GI Kentucky Derby contender Timberlake (Into Mischief).



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Group winner Bouttemont (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who is standing at Rathbarry Stud this year, has his first mares pronounced in foal on Wednesday. | Scoop Dyga

ACE IMPACT HAS FIRST MARES IN FOAL

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First mares are in foal for Arc winner Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {Ire}) and group winner Bouttemont (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}).

PHILLIPS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT TBA CONFERENCE

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Richard Phillips is the keynote speaker for the 2024 TBA Bloodstock Conference.

MAKE BELIEVE COLT WINS NOVICE

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Suspicion (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) won a novice at Kempton on Thursday.

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Poste is consigning a pair of Blue Point juveniles | Marc Ruhl

Charlie Poste Cont. from p1

Poste trained over 100 winners between the flags in Britain, including talented chaser Third Time Lucki, but explained how the broad international market for breeze-up horses compared to the parochial feel to the point-to-point game made it a no-brainer to try his hand at the former.

The early indications are that Station Yard, the banner in which Poste consigns under and where he is based near Stratford-upon-Avon, is here to stay in the breeze-up game such is the level of enjoyment he has got out of the Flat additions to the stable.

He explained, "I'm very excited about the whole thing. We have two in the Craven, two in Donny and then another couple for the Guineas Sale. There is a saying in life that a change is as good as a rest and that is certainly true in this case. The horses have been very well received by Jerry McGrath, Matt Prior and Freddy Powell during inspections and Gordon 'Flash' Power, who is going to ride them at the breeze-ups, came over on Sunday to give them all a little bit of a twist. We had a little away day and 'Flash' was very happy. Being completely honest, this is a new project for Francesca [Poste's wife] and I. We are not going to pretend that we have all of the answers, but I have been very encouraged by having respected people coming in and being complimentary about how the horses are looking and with 'Flash' being very happy with how the away day went, so that gives us a lot of confidence."

Poste, who operates Station Yard alongside Francesca, will be represented by a filly and a colt by Blue Point (Ire) at the Craven Sale. The couple will also consign fillies by Calyx (GB) and Kodiac (GB) at Doncaster and expect to be represented in the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale as well.

Speaking to TDN Europe at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale last year, Poste explained how he had gathered up a team of 10 investors to attack the yearling sales with the help of Blandford Bloodstock's Tom Biggs, and how he planned on putting his own stamp on how he produced the horses for the breeze-ups.

He elaborated on Wednesday, "The similarities between the point-to-point and breeze-up projects is that you are working with young, inexperienced athletes who are expected to perform to a high level without the benefit of match practice. Where there are massive similarities between the two disciplines is that you need to do all that you can to get as much life experience into the point-to-pointers and the breezers so that, when they go to there without any prior experience, they are streetwise enough to show whatever ability they have in their race or their breeze, whether that be good, bad or indifferent. What you don't want is a good horse not being able to showcase its talents because they are too green to deal with the occasion. With that in mind, we have done a lot of cantering around the farm with the breezers and have brought them to a lot of different places."

He added, "We're fortunate enough that we rent a farm that offers us the ability to do a lot of different things and, beyond that, they've been in the lorry and have had away days. It's all about going to different places, introducing them to different scenarios and making sure that they can mentally adjust and cope with everything. That way, when they get to the breeze they can adapt and help 'Flash' do what he needs to do to make them go quickly."

The decision to branch out into the breeze-up market could prove to be a timely one. At the Cheltenham February Sale just gone, all of the key figures took a hit, and Poste says that the flimsiness of the middle tiers in the National Hunt game in Britain is what ultimately forced him to change course. Cont. p4



Tom Biggs | *Tattersalls*





Autumn Stakes Gr.3



« **Persian King** always showed great maturity and precocity as a 2yo. I hesitated for a long time between the **Gr.1** Dewhurst Stakes and the **Gr.3** Autumn Stakes, and he won the latter in brilliant style, beating two future **Gr.1** winners.

I have six of his juveniles in my stables and he appears to pass on his natural precocity, but also great balance and fluid movement. »

André Fabre

f. ex Shasta Daisy (Champs Elysées)
m. ex Hanky Panky (Galileo)
m. ex Izzy Bizu (Kodiac)
f. ex Oykel (Kendargent)
f. ex Pure Zen (Zoffany)
m. ex Grey Hyppy (Kendargent)



Charlie Poste cont. from p3

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He said, "We're definitely seeing a correction in the National Hunt market. Yes, there's no doubt that if you are in that top five per cent, you're still going to get well paid and people are falling over each other to buy those. But if you are in the middle market which, invariably, as the industry builds, the British point-to-point sector is in, it becomes tricky. It is definitely becoming tougher to know where you are at and to get those horses away for what, maybe three or four years ago, you'd be expecting them to make. In that respect, we are very happy to have a new potential revenue stream for the business with the breeze-up horses. The excitement, and maybe even the nerve-wracking part of it all, is the finality of the whole project. There is only one day, really, and you are preparing them for that day alone. There are no excuses."

He added, "But I'm absolutely loving it. The changes in these horses in just a week or 10 days is very different to dealing with a store horse. These Flat horses seem to transform within a blink of an eye, which is really exciting for all of us." Poste was keen to heap praise on Biggs for helping source a rock-solid debut draft of breeze-up horses and says "he couldn't be more chuffed" by the quality of the horses he is working

He said, "Tom is immensely professional and is well-respected, hence why we asked him to come on board and help buy these horses. We couldn't be more chuffed by what he selected and bought for us. Fingers crossed, given he works closely with the Blandford Bloodstock group, who are big buyers from the breeze-ups, he may even put some of these horses up at the other end of this scenario."

Poste added, "We've got fillies by Calyx and Kodiac for Doncaster. The Calyx looks very quick--everything has come very naturally to her. The Kodiac filly has a scopier action and has been shaping up very well at home. Neither of those have missed a beat. Both appear to be quick and should be ideally suited by the sale that they are in.

"With Blue Point, the sire speaks for himself. It's very exciting to have a filly and a colt by him going to the Craven Sale in our first draft and hopefully that shows people that we are serious about this venture moving forward. The Blue Point colt seems to be a really quick, professional horse who has thrived with work while the filly exudes class. Again, it's probably credit to Tom with the horses he's bought but everything just seems to come very naturally to all of them."

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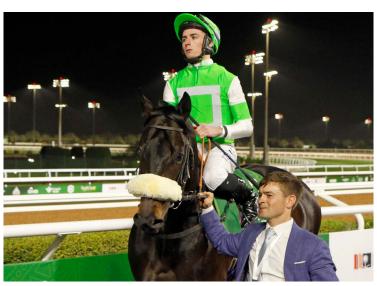
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He added, "He'll come home and then probably about a week before the race, he'll fly out to Dubai. Then I imagine then it'll be Royal Ascot, Glorious Goodwood, all the big meetings."

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ACE IMPACT HAS TRIO OF MARES IN FOAL

Haras de Beaumont's European champion three-year-old and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) has had his first three mares scanned in foal.

These include the 2023 G3 Prix Imprudence winner Showay (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) and the Listed winner and Group-placed Mixed Intention (Ire) (Elusive City), who has already produced the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club third Millebosc (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire})

"Ace Impact is proving very popular with French and international breeders, and we are very grateful for the support. His first book is very exciting," said Haras de Beaumont manager Mathieu Alex.

Ace Impact's stud-mate Sealiway (Fr) has his first foals arriving this year having covered 165 mares last season.

Alex added, "The first foals by Sealiway are now on the ground and we couldn't be more pleased with them."

Ace Impact's fellow first-season sire **Bouttemont (Ire)** has also made a fast start to his new stallion career at Rathbarry Stud. The first three mares covered by the son of Acclamation (GB) have been confirmed as pregnant in recent days and 20 other mares are holding service to him. Cont. p5

"holds plenty of appeal for commercial breeders looking to produce quick and early types... could easily be one of the quickest freshman sires out of the gate." RACING POST, 8th Feb

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She's a really classy filly with a super action and temperament. Goes to the Fairyhouse breeze up and I'd expect her to be out in July time.

Eddie Linehan on the filly ex Exploitation



Goes very well, definitely a Group horse, 6f to 7f. Joseph has a good Arizona also.

Aidan O'Brien, who trained **Arizona**, on the colt ex **Princess Theodora**

"he's a lovely big colt with a great attitude, moves very well, he is really pleasing me. I like him a lot."

Darragh Lordan on the colt ex Abby Cadabby





We really like this filly, she is both physically and mentally quite forward. At this

stage she looks like she will be an early 2YO.

Marco Botti on the filly ex Specific



"he's a lovely colt with a great temperament and is showing pace."

Micky Cleere on the colt ex Art Nouvelle



We're very impressed with this colt. He's a great mover, very professional and has found everything easy up to this point. Arizona's stock ticked plenty of boxes at the yearling sales,

they were strong, precocious individuals.

Sean Davis of GS Bloodstock on the colt ex Rock of Ridd



"The Arizona filly out of Cloudspin does everything right, she will be ready to run very quickly and is showing plenty of class. I have a good feeling about the stallion, I have heard a lot of good things about his 2 year olds"

Diego Dias



"A nice filly, looks quite forward and shows plenty of pace. We like what we have seen from her."

Joseph O'Brien on the filly ex **Dancer's Leap**



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Ollie Sangster on the colt ex Amodio



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Rathbarry's Niamh Woods commented, "We are delighted with the start that Bouttemont has made to his stallion career. Every mare covered by him that has been scanned so far has turned up pregnant, so we couldn't ask for any more. He is proving to be very popular and we are particularly excited by the volume of stakes performing and stakes producing mares he is attracting. Our clients are finding him an easy stallion to like, as there is a big sense of deja vu with him being a son of Acclamation that looks so similar to his sire and has his same easy temperament. He's going to get a great chance to succeed as a stallion."

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"These conferences are designed to encourage people to learn and share ideas to help shape its future. I am looking forward to hosting it again, with some big topics on the agenda." Tickets for the conference are free for TBA members and TBA Access subscribers with a priority booking window now live for

members until 8 March. Non-members tickets will be available from March 8 for £60, which will also include a year's membership to Access.

Further information on the event's speakers and schedule will be released in due course.

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RICHARD PHILLIPS NAMED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2024 TBA BLOODSTOCK **CONFERENCE**



The stage for last year's TBA Bloodstock Conference | TBA

Richard Phillips has been announced as the keynote speaker for the 2024 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) Bloodstock Conference, which is set to take place at Tattersalls in Newmarket on Tuesday, June 25.

Phillips, trainer and founder of National Racehorse Week, said, "I am delighted to be invited to speak at this year's Bloodstock Conference. I have a lifelong passion for the bloodstock world and look forward to sharing opinions, ideas and views with those attending."

Staged for the first time in 2023, the event will feature talks and presentations with leading industry experts on a range of topics, plus an interactive panel debate during the afternoon session.

The conference will once again be hosted by leading racing broadcaster and journalist Lydia Hislop, who added, "This is such

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year's event.

18.30 Kempton, Novice, £7,000, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT) Creative Story (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), the half-brother to the G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. and G2 Superlative S. hero Quorto (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), ran a highly respectable race on debut and went down fighting in second to an experienced rival.

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Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Kempton, £**7,000**, **Novice**, 2-28, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:41.11, st/sl.

SUSPICION (IRE) (c, 3, Make Believe {GB}--Neigh Lass {GB}, by Raven's Pass), third on debut over this course and distance last month, stalked the leading duo throughout the early stages. In front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 5-2 second favourite was pushed out to beat Creative Story (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, who is a daughter of the listed scorer and G3 Prix de la Grotte runner-up Fidelio's Miracle (Mountain Cat). A half to the Listed Pavilion S. winner Ninjago (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), she also has a 2-year-old colt by Make Believe (GB) and a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire) who was a €34,000 purchase by Brendan Bashford Bloodstock at the Goffs November Foal Sale. Sales history: 65,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1,

O-Highclere- Renoir 1; B-O'Connor International Limited (IRE); T-Ollie Sangster.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mutasawi (Ire), g, 3, Magna Grecia (Ire)--Dikta Del Mar (Spa) (SW-Fr, SP-Eng, SP-Ire), by Diktat (GB). Kempton, 2-28, 5f (AWT), 1:01.73. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$13,272. B-Corrin Stud & Upper Farm Stud (IRE). *48,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; €80,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)	Ioya Bigtime	da Silva	Olascoaga	125
2	10	Aldous Huxley (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	3	Clapton	Brethren	Buick	Summers	125
4	5	Desert Wisdom (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Al Shemaili	125
5	9	Franz Strauss (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Mullen	Seemar	125
6	8	Made In Dubai	More Than Ready	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
7	4	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Chavez	Al Mheiri	125
8	6	Moro Do Kentucky (Brz)	Kentuckian	Chavez	Al Mheiri	125
9	12	Nevershow Weakness	Lord Nelson	Spencer	Seemar	125
10	1	Quip	Distorted Humor	Pinheiro	Aashour	125
11	11	Remorse (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
12	7	Secret Victory (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
13	2	Walk Of Stars (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Al Madhar (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	125
2	9	Franz Kafka (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Balushi	bin Harmash	125
3	3	Simca Mille (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	de Vries	de Mieulle	125
4	2	Sisfahan (Fr)	Isfahan (Ger)	Delozier	Grewe	125
5	10	Solid Stone (Ire)	Shamardal	Osborne	Osborne	125
6	1	Ursa Minor (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
7	11	Warren Point (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Appleby	125
8	6	Bold Act (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	123
9	4	Castle Way (GB)	Almanzor (Fr)	Buick	Appleby	123
10	8	Jeff Koons (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Bughanaim	Al Lehani	123
11	5	Trevaunance (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Foley	Harrington	121
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Al Salt (Ire)	Mukhadram (GB)	Mullen	Al Badwawi	125
2	7	Changing Colours (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	125
3	15	Demain	More Than Ready	Barzalona	Graffard	125
4	2	Echo Point (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Al Mheiri	125
5	6	Ehraz (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Crowley	Al Badwawi	125
6	8	El Patriota (Uru)	Ecologo (Arg)	da Silva	Olascoaga	125
7	14	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmsh	125
8	9	Fort Payne (Fr)	Rio De La Plata	de Vries	Caullery	125
9	10	Marbaan (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Coen	Costa	125
40	40	Maria di Salara (La)	Dublinia (E.)	0.49	AL MAL 122	405

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New Bay (GB)

Pastoral Pursuits (GB)

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Freedom Fighter	Violence	O'Shea	Seemar	132
2	8	Go Chrome Go (Arg)	California Chrome	da Silva	Olascoaga	132
3	10	Khanjar (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	132
4	5	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Cosgrave	Seemar	132
5	7	Meshakel (Ire)	Shamardal	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	132
6	2	Morning	Munnings	Mullen	Seemar	132
7	9	Mubakker	Speightstown	Crowley	Watson	132
8	1	On The Warpath (GB)	Declaration Of War	Chavez	Aashour	132
9	3	Rawy	Frosted	Buick	Olascoaga	132
10	6	Ma Yetal	Flameaway	Coen	Costa	122

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Al Shibli (GB)	Shamardal	O'Shea	Al Mehiri	132
2	1	Batwan (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Ffrench	Caullery	132
3	7	Bilhayl (Ire)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Costa	132
4	10	El Baareq	Munnings	Hernandez Salas	Bouresly	132
5	2	Equality (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Spencer	Hills	132
6	11	Khuzaam	Kitten's Joy	Crowley	Watson	132
7	4	Logo Hunter (Ire)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Slattery	Seemar	132
8	13	Ponntos (Ire)	Power (GB)	de Vries	Nieslanik	132
9	12	Tajalla (Ire)	Kessaar (Ire)	Coen	Costa	132
10	6	Thunder Of Niagara (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	132
11	14	Topper Bill (Fr)	Intrinsic (GB)	Al Busaidi	Al Mheiri	132
12	9	Ladies Church (GB)	Churchill (Ire)	Osborne	Murtagh	128
13	15	Zorken (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Foley	Koplikova	124
14	3	Frost At Dawn	Frosted	Barzalona	Knight	120
15	8	Star Of Mystery (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Buick	Appleby	120



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Asad Zabeel (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
2	1	Celtic Prince (GB)	Shamardal	Pinheiro	Bouresly	125
3	2	Everfast	Take Charge Indy	Hitchcott	Watson	125
4	8	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
5	16	Justice Protecol (GB)	Time Test (GB)	Stott	Mohammed	125
6	6	King Ottoman	Curlin	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
7	14	Laurel River	Into Mischief	O'Shea	Seemar	125
8	15	Qareeb	Speightstown	Chavez	Al Mehiri	125
9	11	Quality Humor	Distorted Humor	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
10	10	Royal Mews (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Mullen	Seemar	125
11	3	Sound Money	Flatter	Dobbs	Watson	125
12	12	Southern Artist	Munnings	Spencer	Seemar	125
13	9	Swing Vote (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	S & E Crisford	125
14	7	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	de Vries	Watson	125
15	4	Vagalame (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
16	5	Western Writer (Ire)	Shamardal	Slattery	Seemar	125
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17		Al Jaddaf (GB)	Shamardal	No Rider	bin Harmash	125

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